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Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 9, 2002, for the above-captioned application, the period for response to which has been extended to January 9, 2003, by a Petition for a two month Extension of Time and payment of appropriate government fees authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. While Applicants believe that the correct payment for the extension of time fee is attached, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Please amend the Application as set forth in the Amendments below and in the attached Marked Copy.

Amendments

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21, 22, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 60 and 61 without prejudice or disclaimer.